

UNCLASSIFIED

E66

UNCLASSIFIED

PTQ6467

RELEASED IN FULL

PAGE 01 SAO PA 01385 231349Z
ACTION INR-00

INFO	LOG-00	NP-00	AMAD-00	A-00	CIAE-00	DODE-00	WHA-00
	EB-00	E-00	UTED-00	VC-00	TEDE-00	IO-00	LAB-01
	VCE-00	NSAE-00	OES-01	OIC-02	IRM-00	SSO-00	SS-00
	STR-00	TEST-00	TRSE-00	USIE-00	EPAE-00	IIP-00	DRL-02
	SAS-00	/006W					

-----FCCC20 231350Z /38

O 231202Z OCT 02 ZDK
FM AMCONSUL SAO PAULO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7821
INFO NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHDC IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY BRASILIA PRIORITY
AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO PRIORITY
USDOC WASHDC 0715

UNCLAS SAO PAULO 001385

STATE INR/R/MR; IIP/R/MR; WHA/PD (CDANZ, MTHOMPSON-JONES);

DEPT PASS USTR

USDOC 4322/MAC/OLAC/JAFEE

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: KMDR, OPRC, OIIP, ETRD, BR
SUBJECT: SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: LATIN AMERICA: VENEZUELA
UNREST; SAO PAULO

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 SAO PA 01385 231349Z
"VENEZUELAN IMPASSE"

LIBERAL FOLHA DE S. PAULO (10/23) EDITORIALIZED: "THE
LAUNCHING OF YET ANOTHER GENERAL STRIKE AGAINST PRESIDENT
HUGO CHAVEZ'S ADMINISTRATION SHOWS THAT VENEZUELAN SOCIETY
REMAINS DEEPLY DIVIDED.. CHAVEZ FACES THE OPPOSITION OF A
SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF BUSINESSMEN AND THE MIDDLE CLASS,
SEVERAL LABOR UNIONS AND ALL THE MEDIA. THE DIVISION IS
HEADED TOWARD A TRUE RUPTURE.. THE POLITICAL IMPASSE IS FAR
FROM BEING RESOLVED.. THE SITUATION REMINDS ONE A BIT OF
CENTRAL AMERICA IN THE 80S, WHEN SEVERAL NATIONS WERE
DIVIDED BY CIVIL WARS.. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE PARTIES ARE
SO WORKED UP THAT IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE FOR THE
VENEZUELAN TO FIND A ROAD TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BY

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: JOHN L MILLS
DATE/CASE ID: 25 APR 2005 200400109

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

THEMSELVES. IT IS A CASE OF TRYING TO PROVIDE VENEZUELA WITH INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION SIMILAR TO THAT OFFERED BY THE CONTADORA GROUP, WHICH HELPED NICARAGUA AND EL SALVADOR TO END THEIR CIVIL WARS. CHAVEZ IS A POPULIST LEADER WHO ON SOME OCCASIONS HAS VEERED DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO [PROVOKING] AN INSTITUTIONAL RUPTURE, BUT HE IS THE LEGITIMATE PRESIDENT AND REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, HIS ADVERSARIES ATTEMPTED A COUP THAT WAS FORTUNATELY AVERTED. BUT THE DEMANDS BEHIND THE ATTEMPT ARE REAL ONES AND MAY BE EXPRESSED DEMOCRATICALLY. WHILE THE IMPASSE PERSISTS, ALL OF VENEZUELA IS LOSING."

DUDDY

UNCLASSIFIED

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

UNCLASSIFIED